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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24, 32, 33, 51 and 52 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claim.

53.(New) A method of making an electret comprising:

altering a first property of a controlled environment of a chamber such that at least a portion of a liquid in the controlled environment evaporates into the atmosphere;

altering at least one second property of the controlled environment so as to cause vapor of the atmosphere of the controlled environment to condense on a dielectric article having a resistivity of greater than 10^{14} ohms-cm, said dielectric article being disposed in said controlled environment; and

drying the article to remove the condensate,
wherein the electret exhibits a persistent electric charge.